

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,463,189 (Wu et al). Claims 2, 3, 19 & 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Wu et al in view of United States Patent No. 6,381,049 (Xu et al) or 4,461,543 (McMahon). Claims 4 to 13 and 15 to 18 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims of the application have been amended to overcome the objections of the Examiner and to better define the invention in light of the prior art. In particular, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to include the elements and features of claim 4. Moreover, claims 5, 6 and 10 have been amended to include the elements of claim 1. Claims 4, 17, 18 and 20 have been canceled.


A holding to this effect and the allowance of this application followed by its passage to issuance is respectfully solicited.

If, however, any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned counsel so that a brief interview can be arranged to resolve these issues.

The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1465 in the amount of \$400.00 for the two extra independent claims. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time. If that determination should be incorrect, then please debit Deposit Account No. 50-1465 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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